GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:168
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2007
IMPORT OF PALM OIL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given approval for the import of Palm Oil in large quantities in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the quantum of import in each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.168 FOR ANSWER ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 2007 REGARDING `IMPORT OF PALM OIL`

(a) to (c): Under the present import policy, import of palm oil is free. Government does not give any specific approval for import of palm oil. The details regarding quantum of import of palm oil in last three years is as follows:

(Lakh MT)	
Year	Palm Oil
2004-05	35.03
2005-06	24.49
2006-07	27.66

The domestic production of edible oils is in-sufficient to meet the domestic demand. Imports are permitted to maintain uninterrupted supply of edible oils at affordable prices to the consumers.